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SUBJ: LEAKAGE OF COCOM CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

REF: A) STATE 290000, B) COCOM DOC. SEC. (77)8

1. USDEL CALLED ON FRENCH DELEGATE ALLEX-LYOUNDI TO OUT-
LINE CUTLER-HAMMER COMPLAINT AS INSTRUCTED REF A. USDEL
OPENED DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT AT SEPT. 13 COCOM
MEETING HE HAD MADE STATEMENT CALLING ON THE MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS TO ASSURE THAT COCOM CONFIDENTIAL INFORMA-
TION WAS NOT BEING LEAKED TO UNAUTHORIZED RECIPIENTS
(REF B). HE RECALLED THAT IN RESPONSE DUTCH DEL HAD
SUGGESTED THAT IF USG HAD EVIDENCE THAT CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION HAD BEEN LEAKED, IT SHOULD APPROACH THE
GOVERNMENT CONCERNED. USDEL EXPLAINED THAT IN LINE WITH
THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE DUTCH DEL HE HAD NOW BEEN IN-
STRUCTED TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FRENCH DEL
THE COMPLAINT OF AN AMERICAN FIRM ABOUT THE LEAKAGE OF
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WHICH HAD PROMPTED THE USG TO
MAKE ITS STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT LAST SEPTEMBER.
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2. WITHOUT MENTIONING US FIRM BY NAME USDEL THEN OUT-
LINED WHAT CUTLER-HAMMER HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE BUL-
GARIAN CONSIGNEE AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 2, REF A. USDEL
INDICATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE AWARE THAT THOMSON-
CSF COULD HAVE GAINED THE INFORMATION IN QUESTION FROM
U.S. FIRM BY SUCH MEANS AS INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE BUT THAT

IT WAS MORE LIKELY IT WAS OBTAINED FROM SOMEONE PRIVY TO COCOM EXCEPTION REQUESTS, POSSIBLY SOMEONE WITHIN THE FRENCH LICENSING APPARATUS. USDEL INDICATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF U.S. FIRM'S COMPLAINT IT WAS BEING BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES.

3. ALLEX-LYOUNDI RESPONDED THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT ANYONE IN THE FRENCH LICENSING APPARATUS HAD PROVIDED THE INFORMATION IN QUESTION TO THOMSON-CSF. HE INDICATED THAT FRENCH OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN COCOM MATTERS HAVE ALL BEEN INFORMED OF THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF COCOM INFORMATION. HE DID STATE, HOWEVER, HE WOULD LOOK INTO U.S. FIRM'S COMPLAINT.

4. ALLEX-LYOUNDI POINTED OUT THAT IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES FREQUENTLY PASS CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INFORMATION TO COMPETING FIRMS IN ORDER TO GET THE BEST SALES CONDITIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS PERHAPS SOMEONE IN THE BULGARIAN ORGANIZATION WHO HAD GIVEN THOMSON-CSF THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE U.S. FIRM'S TRANSACTION. USDEL RESPONDED THIS SEEMED UNLIKELY SINCE THE SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE EXCEPTION REQUEST HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN TO THE BULGARIANS BY THE U.S. FIRM. KATZ

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